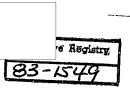
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The Honorable William J. Casey Director Central Intelligence Agency Washington, DC 20505

Dear Mr. Casey:

We would be delighted if you and Mrs. Casey could join a small group on a trip from Washington to the Kennedy Space Center to see the sixth launch of the Space Shuttle.

Our plan is to leave Washington National Airport in a NASA administrative aircraft at 7:00 a.m., Monday, April 4, with breakfast enroute. Upon arrival we will attend a briefing about the Shuttle program and the mission of the sixth flight, then have lunch.

Challenger is scheduled to be launched at 1:30 p.m., carrying a crew of four and NASA's new tracking and data relay satellite (TDRS) to be placed in orbit. Following the launch we will tour the Vehicle Assembly Building (VAB), one of the world's largest buildings where spacecraft are mated to launch vehicles. We will depart Florida about 2:45 p.m., and expect to be back at National at 5:45 p.m.

Please have your secretary call Mrs. Evelyn Thames at the NASA Guest Services Desk - 755-3943 - by close of business Thursday, March 24, and let us know whether you and Mrs. Casey can join us.

Sincerely,

James M. Beggs

Administrator

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